

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 2 of the Amendment submitted on May 7, 2007 as follows:

The AV server 30 further includes an identification code generation circuit 44 that extracts an identification code unique to the AV server 30 itself, for example, a MAC (media access control) address, or a unique identification code assigned to every AV server 30 ~~by for example the manufacturer,~~ and supplies it to the encryption circuit 35 as encryption key data. Thus, during the backup operation, the encryption circuit 35 encrypts the files supplied from the division circuit 34 into a file of encrypted data according to the identification code supplied from the identification code generation circuit 44.